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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: The purpose of the proposed amendments to Commission Regulation WPC-2 is to update the Mississippi Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate, and Coastal Waters. The proposed modifications include: revising human health criteria to be consistent with EPA recommendations; establishing site-specific dissolved oxygen criteria for the Escatawpa River, reviewing/revising surface water use classifications, revising language within the temperature standard for improved clarity, and adding an Antidegradation Implementation Policy to regulations. This proposed amendment will update and re-issue the previous version of WPC-2.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-2-9(1) and 49-17-34 (Rev. 2003)
List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: WPC-2.

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☒ An oral proceeding was held for this rule on: Date: June 14, 2011 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Commission Hearing Room, 1st Floor, 515 E. Amite St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201

☐ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

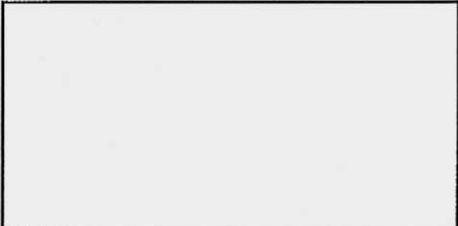
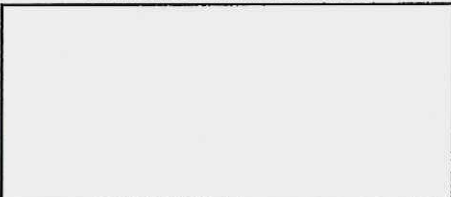

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) _____ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: 5-10-11 Action taken: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Ted Lampton, Senior Attorney, MDEQ

Signature of person authorized to file rules: /s/ Ted Lampton

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.